

2,207 villas planned in Riyadh, Buraidah

SR2.19 b housing accords signed

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb signed Sunday two contracts for major housing plans in Riyadh and Buraidah at a cost of more than SR2.19 billion.

The Riyadh project, called East Riyadh Housing Scheme, costs SR1.35 billion. It comprises 1,258 villas and was awarded to a Korean company. The contract provides for securing public services, including asphalting, water, sewage and other facilities, for 1,956 land plots. A contract for supervising its implementation was awarded to a Greek company.

In Eastern Province

Sewage, water contracts let

DAMMAM, Feb. 14 (SPA) — A SR49.13 million project was commissioned Saturday night by the board of the Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department which met under Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, also the board's chairman.

The project calls for laying down 24,000 meters of sewage pipes, in addition to house connections and inspection rooms, according to Abdullah Al-Babtain, the department's director general. Another SR4,002,050 project for substituting 17,970 meters of water pipes in Mahassen and Qadsia districts was also awarded to a specialized national firm. The project will serve 2,717 housing units and 74 public utility and civil defense units.

Another decision adopted Saturday was that a final study will be prepared on the first phase of a project regarding the flow of water

British trade team due

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — Representatives of 11 British companies will visit Saudi Arabia from Feb. 20 to March 4 as members of a trade mission organized by the North of England Development Council, according to a British embassy statement Sunday. The companies represented offer a wide range of goods and services including structural steel, steelwork for port construction projects, lifting equipment, steel access products insulation, vinyl floorcoverings, street lighting, internal lighting, adhesives and paint, printing chemicals and materials and diving services.

The mission will be in Jeddah Feb. 20 to 23 in Riyadh Feb. 23 to 28, and in Dhahran from Feb. 28 to March 4.

Prayer Times

Monday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:27	5:31	5:02	4:51	5:15	5:47
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:52	3:51	3:22	3:08	3:32	4:00
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:19	6:17	5:48	5:33	5:58	6:25
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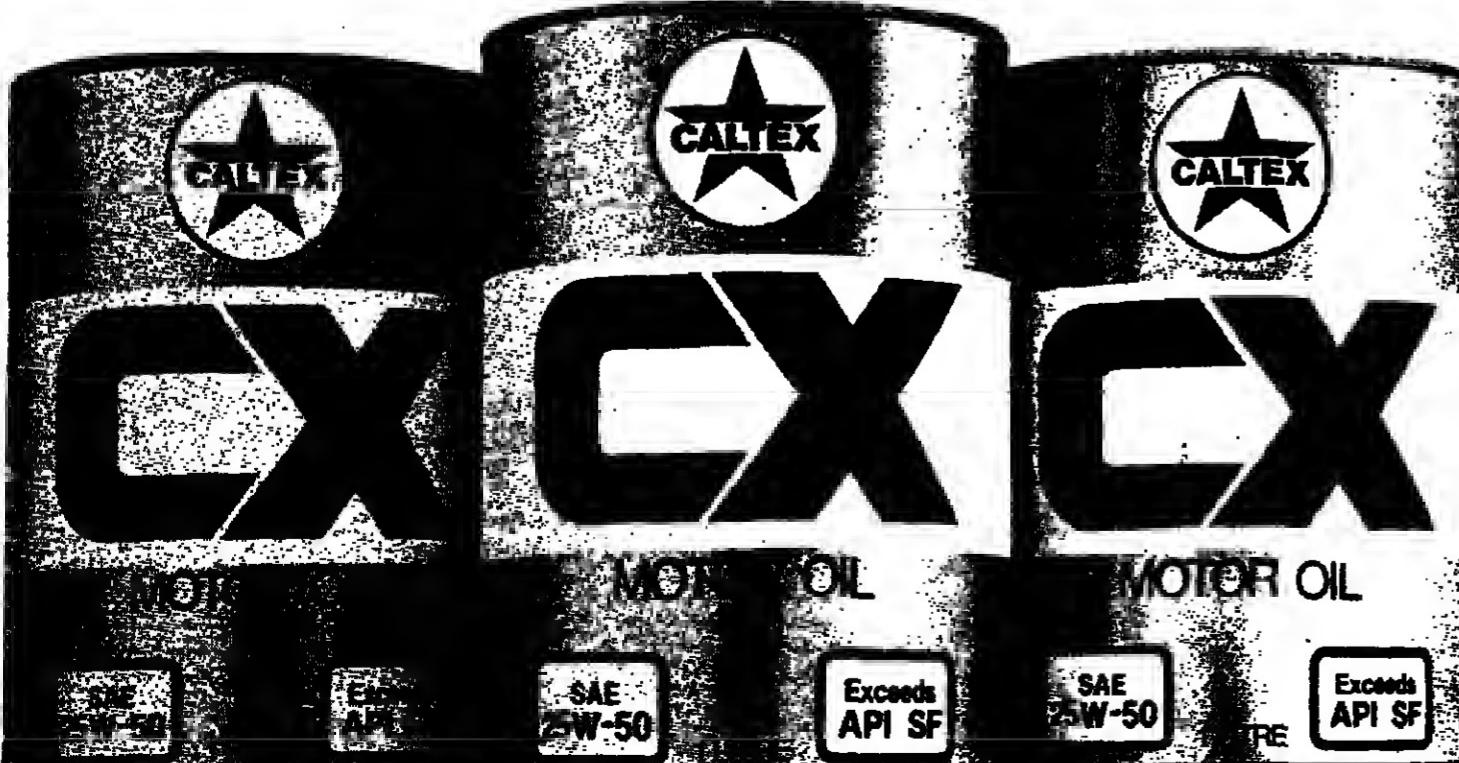
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Ministers probe Riyadh-Tunis agricultural ties

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — The second project, scheduled for Buraidah, will have 949 villas under a SR837 million contract. Also included in the agreement will be public services for 1,675 land plots. Each villa will be built on an area of 484 sq. meters incorporating three bedrooms, a living room, a sitting room, a kitchen and three bathrooms.

Consulting companies have been commissioned to supervise the huge projects. A joint Saudi-Greek venture was awarded a contract to supervise the Riyadh project and a similar agreement will be concluded next week for Buraidah's.

The contracts provide for establishing complete districts supplied with public services. Prince Miteb stressed. Each villa in the new districts will cost the state SR593,000 supplied with all services — water, electricity, telephones, sewage, asphalt and others, he said.

Speaking about the ministry's other projects, Prince Miteb said that the delay in the Makkah and Madinah housing plans occurred because the ministry intends to include them in the royal decree, so they could be implemented in the form of villas. The sites of the two projects were already surveyed, but the ministry had to carry out the survey again after the issuance of the royal decree. The area required for a housing unit built in the form of a villa is much greater than that needed for apartment buildings, he said.

"The survey has been completed now and the two projects have been awarded to some companies. However, they have been submitted for approval before contracts are signed for execution," Prince Miteb said.

Housing plans for Khafji, Ahsa and Qatif are still under study. Tenders will be invited for their implementation shortly, the prince said.

He denied that the cost of building housing units and complexes rose to a level of SR5,000 for a single sq. meter. Since its establishment, the ministry has not signed a contract in which the cost surpassed SR3,000 for a sq. meter. "The highest cost the ministry had reached was SR2,950 for a square meter in Jeddah's Rusb Housing Scheme due to an emergency situation," the prince said. "The ministry has been highly successful with regard to cost of contracts signed," he added.

Leasing housing units at public places which have been completed will be decided by Crown Prince Fahd when he directs the formation of a committee to supervise the distribution. The committee will commence activities as soon as its formation is announced, Prince Miteb said.

The old housing plan on Khurais Road has been turned over to the National Guard, Prince Miteb said. The Finance and National Economy Ministry, which signed the contract before the public works and housing ministry was set up, is currently engaged in canceling the contract with the executing company, he added.

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh held talks with Tunisian Farming Minister Al-Asaad ibn Asman here Sunday.

The talks, attended by senior officials of the agriculture and water ministry, the visiting minister's delegation and Tunisian Ambassador here Kacem Bousmina, dealt with cooperation in various aspects of agriculture and animal resources.

Asman arrived here Sunday on a six-day visit and was received by Dr. Al-Sheikh at the airport. He will make an inspection tour of agriculture and water projects and hold talks with senior officials.

After the meeting with Dr. Al-Sheikh, Asman said that his visit comes at the invitation of his Saudi Arabian counterpart. Talks will concentrate on further expanding cooperation in agriculture, water and animal resource sectors, he added.

Meanwhile, Al-Sheikh said the talks are a continuation of discussions during his recent visit to Tunisia, regarding cooperation and exchange of expertise in agricultural, water and animal resource projects in addition to fisheries.

The agenda centers on cooperation in exploring and exploiting water springs, exchanging expertise in saline water conversion and water treatment; benefiting from veterinary doctors and assistants, skilled agriculture and water workers, exchange of training technicians in harvest protection, veterinary medicine, geology, hydrology, sapling production, planting, agricultural guidance, animal resources; and developing fisheries and the possibility of forming a joint Saudi-Tunisian company in this field.

Meanwhile, the Tunisian minister met Sunday with Sheikh Turki ibn Khaled Al-Sudairi, civil service bureau president. During the meeting issues of mutual interest were reviewed and ways of promoting bilateral relations were discussed. Ambassador Bousmina and the delegation accompanying Asman were present at the meeting.

Badr to chair Manama parley

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — A four-day international seminar on oceanography begins in Manama Monday under the chairmanship of Dr. Fayed Badr, president of the Saudi Ports Authority.

Dr. Badr, who left here for Bahrain Sunday, is accompanied by a delegation comprising Dr. Mohiuddin Kayal, director general of Jubail industrial port; Hamad Al-Mehanna, director general of Dammam port, and Mustafa Hanafi, director of technical affairs at the Jeddah Islamic Port.

The seminar will discuss nearly 20 papers prepared by Arab navigation experts. It will be attended by companies and organizations, from 22 countries, with Saudi Arabia having a special wing to give an image of its achievements in the ports sector.

The seminar is part of the activities of the International Exhibition for the Exploitation of Oceans, Ports and Shipbuilding, beginning with a keynote address by Dr. Badr.

Youth welfare chief departs on visits to Kuwait and UAE

RIYADH, Feb. 14 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, president of youth welfare, flew to Kuwait Monday at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, chairman of the Kuwaiti Olympic Committee (KOC) and member of the International Olympic Committee.

Prince Faisal will attend a party given by KOC on the occasion of Sheikh Fahd's admission to the international Olympic committee's membership. He was accompanied by Dr. Saleh ibn Nasser, head of the Saudi Arabian volleyball federation; Sulaiman Al-Jaihan, head of the Saudi Arabian tennis and table-tennis federation; Ottman Muhammad Al-Saad of the Arab Sports Federation and other officials.

From Kuwait, Prince Faisal will go to the United Arab Emirates for a series of meetings with officials of the Higher Youth and

Sports Council. He will review with them the final preparations for the sixth Arab Gulf football championship due to be held in Ahvaz.

In a separate development in Manama, Sheikh Hamad ibn Issa Al-Khalifa, the heir-apparent and chairman of Bahrain's Higher Youth and Sports Council, received Saturday night the Saudi administrative delegation accompanying the Kingdom's mission to the Saudi-Bahrain Friendship Week now being held in the country.

The meeting was attended by Sheikh Issa ibn Rashed Al-Khalifa, the information undersecretary and head of the Bahrain Olympic Committee. The heir-apparent was offered a copy of the Holy Quran and a shield as a token gift by the head of the Saudi delegation.

Peace advocate to lecture in Riyadh

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 14 — Christopher Van Hollen, a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington and a specialist on U.S. policy in South Asia, the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf, will be visiting Riyadh Feb. 26 and 27 on a lecture tour.

Topics which he will discuss during the tour

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OAU's peace plan rejected by Chad

NDJAMENA, Feb. 14 (AFP) — The Chadian government has officially rejected last week's Organization of African Unity (OAU) resolutions aimed at forcing a reconciliation of all sides by the end of June.

A communiqué issued Saturday night after a meeting of President Goukouni Oudei's cabinet said the Chadian delegation at last Thursday's conference in Nairobi had been "pushed on to the sidelines" and branded the proceedings an "absurd scenario."

The meeting of the OAU Standing Committee on Chad said a ceasefire between the government and the rebel Armed Forces of the North (FAN) should come into effect by Feb. 28. A provisional constitution should be drawn up and legislative and presidential elections held by June 30, when the OAU peacekeeping force in Chad would withdraw at the end of its mandate.

Saturday night's government communiqué said the application of the resolutions "would certainly mean a repetition of the internal cycle of death and destruction" which Chad has known virtually since independence in 1960. The government, which is formed of members of Chad's principal factions except

the FAN, said it would continue to mobilize national energies to re-establish peace, order and security.

The cabinet meeting was suspended for some time while President Goukouni addressed thousands of demonstrators who had come to express their support for the government. He asked them to keep calm and assured them of the determination of his government "to prove that Chad is free and sovereign." The president has previously expressed his readiness to negotiate with the FAN. But analysis in Paris said his options were limited by the fact that the FAN are holding large areas of Chad, with some reports putting them only 170 kms from N'djamena.

The Chadian government has virtually no troops to oppose the FAN, which could reach the capital provided they avoided contact with the OAU contingents. Some observers in Paris did not rule out a new call for help by President Goukouni to neighboring Libya, which on his invitation drove the FAN out of N'djamena in late 1980 but withdrew from Chad, again at the president's request, last November.

BRIEFS

ABUDHABI, (R) — President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen will visit the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in early March, the official Emirates News Agency said Saturday night.

The agency also said that Segalese President Abdou Diouf would pay a state visit to Abu Dhabi April 19.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati left here Sunday for Algeria, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. Velayati, who is also to make an official visit to Libya, was accompanied by officials from the ministers of roads and transport, oil, and trade as well as his own department, IRNA said.

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DAMASCUS, (AFP) — British Junior Trade Minister Peter Rees has arrived here for a three-day official visit to Syria, for talks expected to cover increased trade links between the two countries. Rees, starting a Middle East tour, would discuss possible increased sales of British equipment and Syrian use of British expertise, as well as trade exchanges which are at present limited, reliable sources said. He will later visit Jordan and Iraq.

Turkey restricts contacts with foreigners

ISTANBUL, Feb. 14 (AP) — Turkey's military rulers Sunday banned civilian organizations from having foreign contacts without prior permission in an apparent attempt to quell criticism of the government here.

Labor unions, professional groups and associations were required under the ruling to get written approval before they invite "foreign representatives and delegations" to Turkey for any reason. An announcement by the Istanbul Martial Law Command said that despite a total ban on political debate in Turkey, "some organizations... persisted in indulging in political activity... and created insidious opposition" to the present regime.

The announcement also imposed a news blackout on "radio broadcasts and news media abroad that continued to pour venom of slander, lies and hatred into Turkey."

219 Ethiopians killed

KHARTOUM, Feb. 14 (AFP) — A spokesman for volunteers fighting for the independence of Eritrea from Ethiopia Sunday said they have killed 219, wounded 115 and captured 126 pro-government troops in engagements in the province in the past five days.

The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said the engagements came amid preparations by the authorities in Addis Ababa for a major offensive against the Eritrean independence movement. He said that a unit of EPLF's military wing, the EPLA, Wednesday attacked Ethiopian-armed Eritrean peasants and regular Ethiopian troops between Adi Quala and Adi Ugr, in southwestern Eritrea, on the highway from the capital of Asmara to Dwa.

Egypt sets conditions for restoring Soviet ties

CAIRO, Feb. 14 (R) — Egypt is prepared to restore ambassador-level relations with Moscow provided the Kremlin promises its envoys will not violate diplomatic norms, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali Has said.

"From the political point of view, I think it is normal to have the (Soviet) ambassador here when we get some assurances that the diplomatic mission will not exceed diplomatic practices," he said. Last September, a month before his assassination, President Anwar Sadat expelled the Soviet ambassador, six Soviet diplomats and the last 1,000 Soviet experts in Egypt, accusing Moscow of plotting against him. His successor President Hosni Mubarak has now invited 66 of the experts to return.

Ali said some Soviet experts had been ordered out too quickly, and Egypt still needed help from the USSR with the running of Soviet-built industrial machinery.

Ali said there was still a wide gap between Egypt and Israel over the degree of autonomy that should be granted to Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip. He said it was unlikely the differences would be resolved ahead of Israel's

final withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, which is due to take place before April 26.

Officials said Sunday that Egypt has established a special operations room to help supervise arrangements for its takeover of the final portion of Sinai.

Golan Arabs go on strike

TEL AVIV, Feb. 14 (AP) — Druze Arabs went on general strike Sunday on the Golan Heights to protest the arrest of four leaders who allegedly incited resistance to Israeli rule.

Schools and shops were closed on the Golan, which has experienced a surge of Syrian nationalism since Israel annexed the area last December. Last week, the residents resolved not to pay Israeli taxes or accept Israeli services, and a group of leaders sent a cable to Prime Minister Menahem Begin saying they would resist all oppressive moves.

Kuwait awaits Iran, Iraq word on POWs' visits

KUWAIT, Feb. 14 (AP) — Kuwait said Sunday neither Iraq nor Iran has so far officially approached it for acting as a mediator in the exchange of family visits to the estimated 10,000 prisoners of the Iran-Iraq war.

But Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Abdul Aziz Hussein said a representative of the International Red Cross Committee has been discussing the issue with Kuwaiti officials for the past few days. "The subject has not crystallized so far even for the Red Cross," Hussein said after a cabinet meeting.

A high ranking Red Cross official has met with Hussein, Kuwait's Minister of Health Abdul Rahman Alawadi and Kuwaiti Red Crescent Association President Abdul Aziz al-Saqi, who reportedly expressed readiness in principle to facilitate passage of Iranian and Iraqi families through Kuwaiti territory to visit captives of war held in the two countries.

"The question requires preparation and organization, especially as such exchange of visits takes place for the first time in history," Hussein added. "Kuwait is considering this matter to know what extent it can help in this respect," he said.

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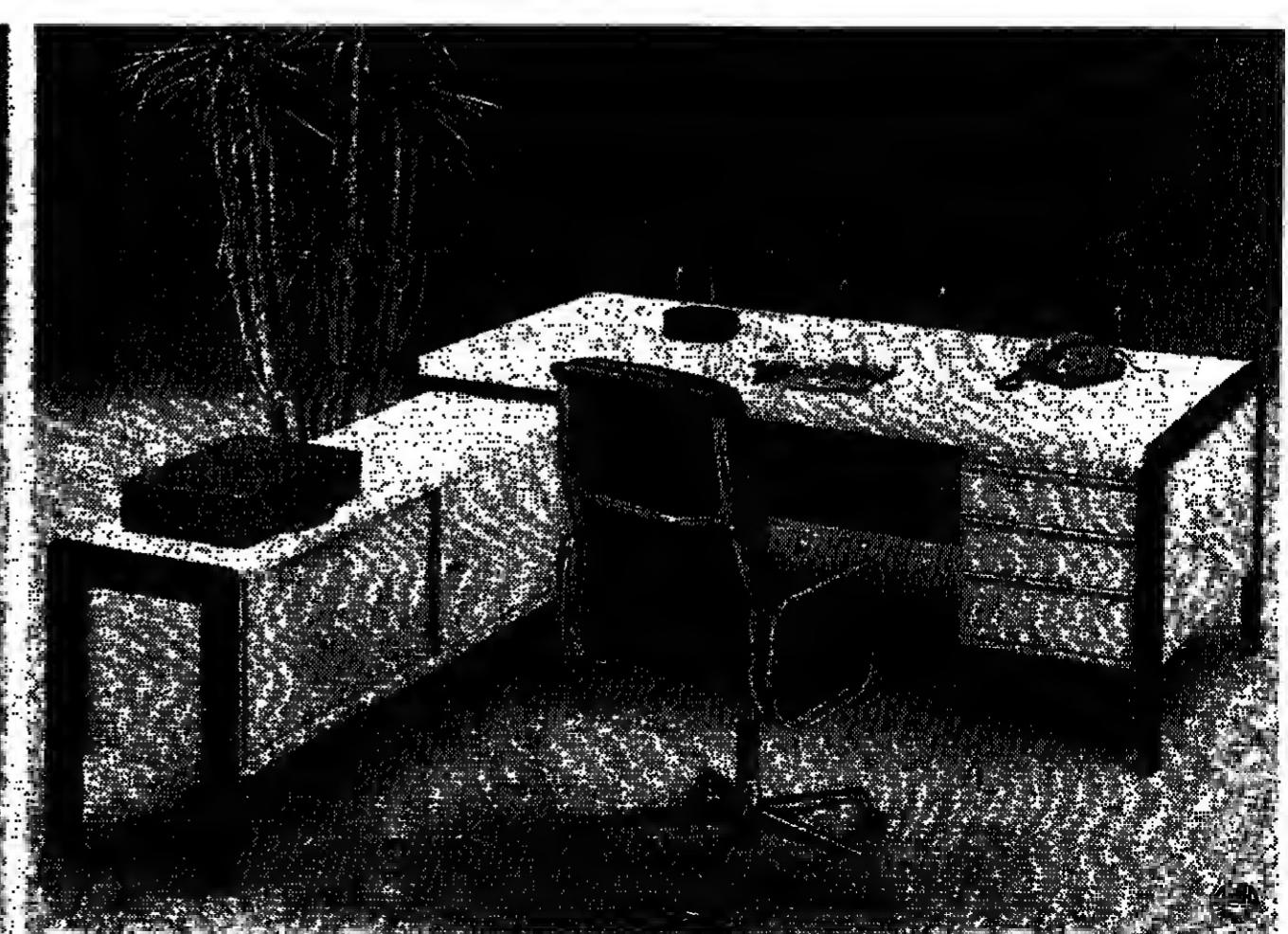
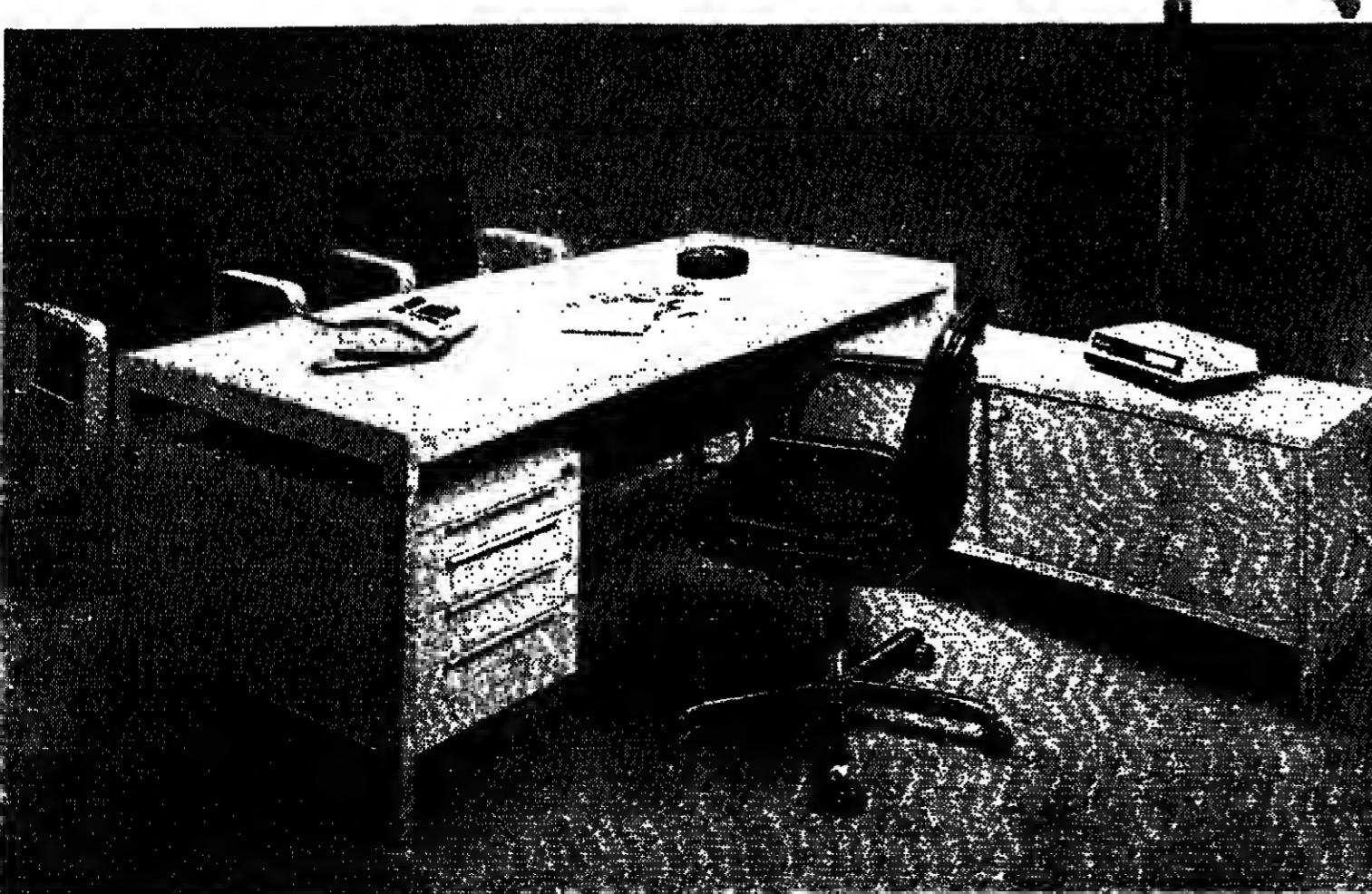
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Hunt for parliament employee

Italian unions said harboring terrorists

ROME, Feb. 14 (AP) — Charges that a union leader and a parliament telephone operator belonged to the Red Brigades have rekindled controversy over how deeply terrorists have infiltrated Italy's institutions.

Budget Minister Giorgio La Malfa and Italian newspapers have accused unions of harboring extremists. A top unionist was quoted Sunday as saying some urban guerrillas have hurried into the labor movement.

"Yes, there are terrorists in the unions, probably more of them than we usually think."

China's isotopes reportedly blocked by crash

ATHENS, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Nearly quarter of a ton of radioactive isotopes and 2.5 kg of plutonium (5.5 lb) bound for Peking were on a Swissair DC-8 which crashed at Athens airport in October 1979, the mass-circulation daily *Acropolis* reported Sunday.

The report, which speculated that the crash might have been engineered to prevent the isotopes from reaching China, said the radioactive material had disappeared after the crash. *Acropolis* said half the isotopes which were destined for the China National Chemical Import-Export Corporation in Shanghai had come from Paris and the rest from a London company.

The paper said a Greek police officer who supervised investigations into the crash, died two months later from high blood pressure caused by the radiation. At the time, the authorities blamed the crash on a pilot error. Swissair said that the plane was carrying three items of radioactive material but said it was for medical purposes.

Colombia offers aid to peasant guerrillas

FLORENCIA, Southern Colombia, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Colombian President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala has formulated a new plan for peace with guerrillas fighting his regime, and offered economic aid to rebel peasants prepared to cooperate.

The president was speaking Saturday in this town some 200 kms south of Bogota on the occasion of the official creation of the cotoy of Caquet, the country's 23rd. Addressing the M-19 leftist guerrilla movement, which is attempting to set up anti-government activities in the new country, Turbay said that their leader, Jaime Bateman Cayon could not run in the next presidential elections for constitutional reasons.

Indian surgeon dies

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14 (AP) — Dr. Atam Prakash, 54, India's leading surgeon who was recently decorated with the country's second highest civilian award, died Sunday of a heart attack in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi expressed grief over the death of Prakash, who is survived by wife, two sons and a daughter.

After a brilliant career abroad, Prakash returned to India in 1960s to serve the Irvin Hospitals and later the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences. He also was a visiting professor at several universities in Britain and the United States.

It's a new type of terrorism, one that doesn't shoot this or that boss, but aims to attack unions as a whole," Giorgio Benvenuto, secretary-general of the Union of Italian Labor (UIL), one of Italy's three largest labor confederations, said in an interview with the left-leaning Rome daily *La Repubblica*.

In the past, terrorist "Talpe" or "Moles" have allegedly penetrated the prison system and universities. Police have even hunted for a Red Brigades sympathizer in the post office who may have stolen a postman's uniform which was later used to disguise a guerrilla who shot and wounded the deputy chief of Rome's anti-terrorism police squad in January.

Left-wing terrorists infiltrate unions to improve ties with the working class, which they propose to lead to revolution. Magistrates and intelligence officers with right-wing sympathies have been accused of helping neo-fascist urban guerrillas.

The controversy over terrorist infiltration in unions erupted recently when police walked onto the floor of a labor meeting in Florence Feb. 4 and arrested Luigi Scricciolo, head of the international office for UIL, a center-left union.

Scricciolo, charged with membership in an armed band and subversive association, was arrested on the basis of testimony by his cousin Loris, a jailed Red Brigades terrorist now cooperating with police. Court sources quoted Loris as saying Luigi offered to use his international ties to obtain arms for the terrorists, possibly through Bulgaria.

Luigi Scricciolo has protested in interrogation that he's innocent, court sources say. His father told journalists Saturday that Loris, when he was in the Red Brigades, had made up the whole story about Luigi being a terrorist in order to try to get ahead himself within the guerrilla group.

Following Scricciolo's arrest, La Malfa lashed out at unions for placing leftist extremists in top positions and thus increasing "the capacity for terrorist infiltration."

"The UIL's problem is to ask itself what kind of political sense and what sense of responsibility allowed this to happen," La Malfa, a member of Premier Giovanni Spadolini's Republican Party, said.

The UIL is a center-left confederation, with links to the Republicans, Socialists and Social Democrats. The union has temporarily suspended Scricciolo and said it fully backs the investigation, but some leaders have been quoted in newspaper articles as saying they doubt Scricciolo was in the Red Brigades.

Meanwhile, police said they are hunting for Giovanni Alimonti, 27, a suspected member of the Red Brigades, who worked until Jan. 6 at the telephone switchboard at the chamber of deputies in Montecitorio Palace. Italian papers said it wasn't yet clear whether Alimonti was able to eavesdrop on parliamentarians' private conversations or had access to classified documents.

Police last month captured Red Brigades leader Giovanni Senzani, who had been identified previously as a terrorist mole. Before going underground, Senzani was a lecturer in criminology at the University of Florence and an adviser to the Justice Ministry on the nation's prison system. He also was a professor briefly at University of California Berkeley campus in the United States.

Several other professors, including Toni Negri of the University of Padua, have been jailed and charged with helping terrorists. They haven't been convicted, however.

JAL crash followed scuffle, police investigations reveal

TOKYO, Feb. 14 (AFP) — The copilot of a Japan Air Lines DC-8 that crashed into Tokyo Bay Tuesday scuffled with the pilot after he apparently reversed thrust while still in flight, causing the aircraft to stall, police investigations showed Sunday.

Capt. Seiji Katagiri, 35, in charge at the time of the crash, was seriously injured in the accident, along with copilot Yoshifumi Ishikawa, 33, and flight engineer Yoshimi Izaki, 43. Police said they had learned that the copilot and flight engineer had tried to intervene with the captain just before impact.

But despite efforts by the copilot, the captain reportedly pushed the throttle lever forward, contrary to normal procedure when trying to land at the airport. The copilot was said to have told police that he had scuffled with the captain in an effort to pull the plane up again, but to no avail.

Air safety investigators said they had confirmed that the fourth engine on the right wing, was in reverse thrust when the plane crashed. The plane knocked down several approach lights and plunged into the bay 300 meters short of a runway, killing 24 persons aboard and injuring 250 others. 78

of them seriously.

Investigators also said that the plane's voice recorder showed that a minute before the crash the captain suddenly yelled out in the cockpit, after which the copilot asked in a hushed voice, "what are you doing, captain?" The flight engineer's seat belt was unfastened on impact, indicating he had stood up to intervene, police said.

Capt. Katagiri, who took command of a DC-8 on Dec. 18, 1979, took a month's leave from November through December 1980 because of a psychosomatic disorder before resuming his DC-8 duty in November 1981. Police said that the captain had suffered from hallucinations since the summer of 1980.

Meanwhile, JAL president Yukon Takagi has reportedly expressed his readiness to resign from his post to accept responsibility for the crash. The copilot and the flight engineer, who had flown to Fukuoka from Tokyo the night before, noted the captain had circled in an unorthodox fashion shortly after taking off from Tokyo's Haneda airport. They said they had been on "constant watch" for abnormal behavior during the Fukuoka-Tokyo flight.

Pacifists harassed

Japanese protest maneuvers

GOTEMBA, Japan, Feb. 14 (AFP) — There were tense scenes at the foot of Mount Fuji as rightists harassed reformist and pacifist forces which gathered there to protest the first five-day joint Japan-U.S. command exercise starting Sunday.

Some 2,500 persons including unionists and students mobilized by Socialist and Communist parties and labor and peace committee bodies in Shizuoka Prefecture, where the exercise site is located, staged a protest rally and parade near the ground self-defense

forces base in the morning. Four representatives of the co-sponsors of the rally met base officials to hand over a protest note, but the officials refused to accept it.

In the afternoon, Japan's biggest labor organization, the 4.5-million-member Sohyo, and the Japan Socialist Party sent in about 3,500 more opponents to the exercise from across the country in renewed protest action. The protesters gathered in 45 buses, against which the rightists drove 13 vehicles. The windshields of five buses were damaged, police said.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON (R) — An American Roman Catholic clergyman has been shot dead in Guatemala, the State Department said Sunday. James Arnold Miller, the clergyman, was killed outside his residence in Huehuetenango, about 250 kms from Guatemala City, a spokesman said.

ROME (AFP) — Italian President Sandro Pertini will pay an official visit to Japan from March 9-15, an official source said here Sunday. It will be Pertini's first visit to Japan. At the end of March he will go to Washington.

BRUSSELS (AFP) — A total 14,000 troops from eight North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) countries will hold ground-air maneuvers in northern Norway Feb. 24 to March 24, it was announced Sunday. The exercise, code-named Alloy Express, will aim at training the forces in winter conditions and testing the coordination of the different armies, the allied forces headquarters in Europe at Mons said.

Participating countries are Canada, the United States, Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands and West Germany.

NEW DELHI (AFP) — Some 250 anti-Khomeini Iranian students Saturday night ended a hunger strike they had started here Thursday to protest against the "anti-people policies of the Khomeini regime," a student spokesman said Sunday. The students, who were occupying a tent on the lawns overlooking the parliament building, called off the strike after appeals from Indian civil rights leaders.

VIENNA (AP) — The Polish airlines LOT has resumed regular flights to and from the six other Soviet bloc countries, but flights to other Western and overseas destinations continued to be sporadic, the Polish state news agency PAP reported Sunday.

BANGKOK (AFP) — Three Thai border villages have evacuated women and children amid stepped-up fighting between Vietnamese-led forces and Khmer Rouge guerrillas in the extreme west of Cambodia, front line reports said Sunday. According to the reports, women and children from the villages of Wang Mon, Koke Sabaeng and Saen Sook, located close to the scene of fighting, had moved north to take refuge in the key Thai border town of Aranyaphathet as authorities armed the male populations that stayed behind.

WASHINGTON (AFP) — President Ronald Reagan has approved a plan to counter any Cuban presence in Nicaragua and resultant Cuban military deliveries to Salvadoran guerrillas, encompassing paramilitary operations by foreign governments. *The Washington Post* reported Sunday. The program covered "action by friendly foreign governments designed to disrupt Cuban-Nicaraguan supply lines of arms to guerrilla forces in El Salvador," the newspaper said.

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. has recalled a senior army officer and disciplined other American military advisers in El Salvador for violating a rule against carrying combat rifles. The White House said Saturday that the U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Dean Hinton, ordered the senior officer home and reprimanded four other advisers after an investigation showed the five had carried M-16 rifles on a training mission. "The assignment of the senior member of the technical team has been curtailed and the other members admonished," it said.

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Church criticized

E. German youths stage demonstration for peace

DRESDEN, East Germany, Feb. 14 (R)

— Thousands of young East Germans took part in an unprecedented peace demonstration Saturday after hearing mild criticism by churchmen of the attitude of Communist governments to disarmament.

The occasion was the 37th anniversary of Dresden's destruction by British and American bombers in World War II raid which killed at least 35,000 persons and razed one of Europe's most beautiful cities. The most remarkable thing about the demonstration was that it took place at all. In Communist East Germany, unofficial demonstrations are not allowed.

Earlier, 6,000 persons in their teens and twenties packed into the Kreuzkirche for a peace forum organized by Protestants. Church officials said they organized the meeting because they wanted to try to contain the growing desire for an active peace movement similar to that in West Germany.

Many of the audience wore jeans and parkas. One bore "Ban-the-Bomb" badges and had long hair. Johannes Hempel, the bishop of Saxony, told them he believed most governments wanted to avoid war. "I can only think that our government and that of the Soviet Union are amongst those. But there is a growing feeling that that is not enough," he added.

East German authorities have rejected church demands for an alternative to military service and an end to pre-military training in schools. Hempel said the church should treat

the rejection "seriously but loosely." But he was unable to explain when a questioner asked how a military reservist could so react without facing prison as well.

Dresden youth pastor Harald Bretschneider contrasted the official praise for the West German peace movement's opposition to American missiles and the difficulties in mounting a movement against similar weapons in East Germany. The East German government maintains that only Western missiles pose a threat to peace.

Many of the youngsters criticized the church for not taking a more active role in leading a campaign for disarmament by both East and West. Hempel reminded them that "The church is not a revolutionary force."

The church leaders said signatures, however, would soon be collected for the "Berlin appeal" of pastor Reiner Eppelmann — a plea for disarmament, a nuclear-free Europe, and withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany. Eppelmann was detained by state security for two days following publication of his appeal in a West German newspaper.

Several youngsters told of police ripping off their badges depicting swords tuning into plowshares, or with the motto "Make Peace Without Weapons." Nevertheless almost everyone wore such a badge or other improvised peace sign, sewn on their shoulders, hanging from their necks, or in one case, printed on a headband.

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With oil prices crumbling**OPEC states borrow****\$2.4b**

BASLE, Feb. 14 (R) — Oil-exporting countries have become net borrowers of funds from major Western banks for the first time since the end of 1978, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) said Sunday.

The BIS attributed the change largely to a decline in the huge balance of payments surpluses built up by oil exporters as a result of big price increases in 1979 and 1980. An oil glut has developed since the middle of last year and prices have begun to crumble.

The BIS said in its latest international banking report that new borrowing by members of the Organization of Petroleum

Exporting Countries (OPEC) rose to \$2.4 billion in the third quarter of last year, from \$1.3 billion in the previous three months, while their deposits fell by \$700 million.

OPEC countries were also lending to put more money into long-term investments which are outside the banks and thus do not show up in the statistics, the report said.

The report also showed that the Soviet Union, whose deposits fell in the first half of the year to \$3.6 billion from \$8.6 billion, replenished its accounts at Western banks to \$4.5 billion by the end of September.

The third quarter upturn occurred when Moscow had resumed selling gold after staying out of the market in the first half, but this was not mentioned in the report. The BIS had earlier linked the big drawdown in Soviet deposits with possible aid to Poland.

The report also said that Moscow's net indebtedness to the Western banking system

in the first nine months of the year increased by \$6 billion. Among non-OPEC countries outside the major Western nations, this was exceeded only by Mexico with \$8.4 billion.

The Soviet Union's gross debt to the banks stood at \$15.4 billion at the end of September compared with \$14.1 billion three months earlier and \$13.3 billion at the end of 1980.

East European countries as a whole tended to accumulate funds with the banks in the third quarter instead of making withdrawals as in the preceding quarter and they also made less new borrowing, the BIS said. East Europe thus changed from being a net taker of \$3.1 billion of funds in the second quarter to being a net supplier of \$300 million.

Poland's deposits had risen to \$605 million at the end of September from \$546 million three months previously, while its debt was barely changed at \$14.2 billion.

remain in his post for some time", a delegation head said. Van Lennepe was reappointed for a third five-year term in 1979. There was an informal understanding he would step down after two and a half years.

After several months of secret consultations, three candidates are still in the race. Former Italian Finance Minister Filippo Maria Pandolfi, 54, has the backing of several European countries, OECD sources say.

Five northern European countries are supporting Staffan Burenstam Linder, 51, a former Swedish minister of commerce.

The United States and West Germany have thrown their weight behind Helga Steeg, a senior German government official. Miss Steeg, aged 54, is a close aide to West German Economy Minister Otto Lambdorff.

The OECD groups the industrial nations of Western Europe, North America and the Pacific region, including Japan, which are grappling with recession, inflation, mounting unemployment and a serious long-term energy crisis.

Against this background, national representatives consider the OECD's role more important than at any time in its 21-year history. The organization provides a framework for permanent consultations and exchange of information among member countries. The understanding this fosters among decision-makers in national governments determines the quality of cooperation among the 24 countries, one OECD ambassador explained.

IMF, World Bank reschedule talksBy Charles W. Holmes
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 — The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have agreed to reschedule their 1982 joint annual meetings to avoid a conflict with the Muslim holiday of Id Ul-Adha.

The 1982 meetings to be held in Toronto, Canada, originally were scheduled for Sept. 28—Oct. 1, coinciding with the Id Ul-Adha festival which marks the end of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca.

Arab nations formally requested at last year's joint sessions that the dates be changed for the Toronto meetings. At the time, Canadian officials expressed doubts that they could secure enough hotel space in Toronto if the meetings were shifted. Nearly 11,000 delegates and guests attended the Washington sessions in 1981.

Key Arab nations, including Saudi Arabia, had threatened to boycott the 1982 meetings if they were not rescheduled. But an IMF spokesman told *Arab News* that the bank and the fund, with the cooperation of Canada, agreed upon new dates with "no difficulties."

The joint meetings now will take place Sept. 6 to 9. The date change was approved

Ford, union sign pact to protect jobs

DEARBORN, Feb. 14 (R) — The Ford Motor Company and the United Auto Workers Union (UAW) have signed a tentative agreement which they said was aimed at preserving jobs.

Ford said the agreement signed Saturday was a major step in helping the company become more competitive against other car makers. Ford and other U.S. car manufacturers have been attempting to negotiate lower labor costs to make them more competitive with foreign companies.

The U.S. car industry is in the midst of one of its most severe slumps since World War II. Nearly 250,000 American car workers, including 55,100 at Ford, are unemployed.

A spokesman for the union said the agreement with Ford was a "major achievement" in protecting the jobs of its members at Ford. The pact includes provisions for job losses through attrition and guaranteed incomes for long-time Ford employees.

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Kuwait doubles aid to 3rd World

KUWAIT, Feb. 14 (AP) — Kuwait has doubled to \$145.6 million its capital contribution to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) fund for developing countries. The fund provides soft-term loans to help developing countries offset the impact of rising oil prices in recent years.

Financial Roundup**Riyal stays firm on dull day**

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Feb. 14 — The local markets were reported quiet Sunday, with the European markets closed for business. There was some intensive dealing earlier in the morning but this died down by early afternoon with dealers squaring their positions in anticipation of European trading Monday. Riyal rates remained firm with some slight increases registered in the short tenors and overnight funds, but with dealers reporting a continuing flow of riyal liquidity into the market.

The Bahraini based OBU's — offshore booking units — that were open for business Sunday were also quoting optimistically higher rates on dollar deposits in anticipation of a firmer dollar on the European Monday markets. One month Eurodollar rates were quoted at 16½-16¾ percent at 55,100 at Ford, are unemployed.

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Europe's neutralists, U.S. isolationists at odds over USSR

(Editor's Note: The writer was U.S. undersecretary of state from 1961 to 1966.)

By George W. Ball

WASHINGTON — Disturbing premonitions of war now sweeping over Europe have brought its neutralists out of hiding; at the same time their mirror-image American isolationists are, like 17-year locusts, re-emerging from a long underground slumber. The neutralists are chanting their old theme about staying aloof from the battle; U.S. reborn isolationists are singing their nostalgic anti-European tune. But, though the melodies are familiar, the words on both sides are subtly different; the keening of the neutralists has pernicious anti-American overtones, while, during their long hibernation, the isolationists suffered a critical mutation. Unlike their predecessors of the '30s who wished to avoid entanglement in a great-power conflict, U.S. mutated isolationists seem to be spoiling for such a conflict — demanding that if Europeans do not comply unquestioningly with U.S.-anti-Soviet policies Americans should go their own way, free from the constraints of moderation to stand alone against the Soviet aggressor.

All this comes into focus as the Western nations try to shape a common policy toward the Polish crisis. The neutralists of Europe see the rape of Poland as primarily an internal affair of the Communist bloc; they are reluctant to challenge the division of Europe sanctified by the Helsinki Agreement and the unintended consequences of Yalta. U.S. isolationists, on the other hand, would like to bring that whole system down. It is the familiar paradox: Liberal elements wish

to avoid change while so-called conservatives seek radical solutions. As is so often the case, the radical view has been best articulated outside the government by a group of mutated isolationists dominated by well-known American neo-conservatives. That group, which modestly calls itself the Committee for the Free World, has recently published a manifesto declaring the Polish crisis to be a splendid opportunity to recognize "the illusions of detente for what they are." It considers it absurd to believe that the West could effectively "use economic pressure to force the Polish government to restore the freedoms now taken away"; instead, it implies that the U.S. must somehow break the hold of the Soviets over Eastern Europe — or, in other words, achieve what John Foster Dulles called "liberating" the satellite countries.

The committee proposes to achieve that purpose by denying to Poland and the Soviet Union Western loans, Western grain, and above all Western technology. Through these means, it contends, the U.S. can "at no risk of military confrontation ... further the processes of disintegration from within that may mark the beginning of the end of the Soviet empire." Thus the U.S. can "baste the day when the world will be free of Soviet imperialism and the totalitarian barbarism it carries in its wake."

Though the committee poses the issue in the rhetoric of freedom and human rights, it uses those terms only in a specialized anti-Soviet context. Most of its leading members had fiercely opposed Carter's selection of human rights as a major tenet of U.S. foreign policy, and they have led in cheering the Reagan administration's switch of repressive governments in Argentina, Chile, the Philippines

and its distressing tolerance for South Africa's bloody-minded racial policies.

The committee's aim of furthering "the disintegration of the Soviet empire" so as to "free the world of Soviet imperialism" strikes directly at the whole system of power in Europe that has prevailed for almost four decades. It would mean allowing the Eastern European nations to make their own arrangements with the West. Though pleasant to contemplate, that prospect holds implications terrifying to most of the U.S. European friends. They have lived for a thousand years in a world marked by the rivalries of great powers — first the Habsburgs against France; then, under Louis XIV and Napoleon, France against the rest of Europe; finally, beginning with Bismarck, Germany against France. Their blood-drenched history has taught them that peace depends on the maintenance of an effective power balance and that war results when that balance is abruptly overturned. Since almost every generation of Europeans has known war and its devastation, it is, therefore, not surprising that many today are wondering if the cycle of peace we have enjoyed for 36 years may not be nearing its end. Quite understandably they see frightening possibilities in the Reagan administration's rejection of diplomacy and its single-minded concentration on military power. Thus the thought of any action that might promote the disintegration of the present power system in an age of nuclear weapons makes the cold European winter even chillier.

President Reagan seems to have shown some understanding of this, for he has reportedly rejected the proposal for strong financial and economic sanctions vigorously urged by mutated isolationists

in the administration such as U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick (a member of the committee) joined apparently by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. Though few believe that the "processes of disintegration" now afflicting the Soviet Union are likely to "mark the beginning of the end of the Soviet empire" or that those processes can be seriously "furthered" by the economic measures the committee proposes, the very thought that the American government might be pursuing that objective would drive more and more Europeans into the neutralist camp. They are acutely aware of the "Russians," brooding insecurity resulting from two invasions from the West in modern times, and they know that the Soviet Union would never peacefully allow the loss of its Western glacis. One cannot, of course, rule out the hope that time and events will ultimately erode the current European power system, but to avoid world destruction in a nuclear age, change must come gradually. Today, any effort to dismantle that system would, if taken seriously, go far to destroy Western unity and push a frightened Europe toward accommodation with Moscow. (WP)

Letter to the editor

Clarification

Sir,

With reference to the story published on the second page of your esteemed newspaper *Arab News* on Jan. 22, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

(1) I very much regret that the writer ascribed to me something which I never said during my interview with him in Jeddah.

(2) The writer said: "Arab and Islamic states are planning to establish their own Islamic monetary fund to free their economies from the restrictions and domination of the industrialized countries now holding the majority shares of the International Monetary Fund". I did not tell him so during our meeting.

(3) The writer said further: "It will also facilitate the task of those interested in creating a united currency for Arab and Islamic countries through a special drawing unit that will represent the states against the predominance of the dollar and the pound sterling". Such statements have very serious dimensions and strong reactions at the international forums. The writer did not realize this.

(4) He put me in the place of one speaking on behalf of the Arab and Islamic states as a whole, while my position at the IMF does not give me such a great honor, which I did not claim for myself.

I thought I should clarify this to you.

Yours faithfully,
Dr. Wadi'e Ahmad Kahli
Advised to the IMF
Washington, D.C.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 15th, the 46th day of 1982. There are 319 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1589 Duke of Mayenne enters Paris and is declared lieutenant general of the kingdom by the Catholic League.

1639 Scots name Alexander Leslie their commander-in-chief in first bishops' war.

1963 Several persons, including three army officers, are arrested in France on charges of plotting to assassinate President Charles de Gaulle.

1965 China's Foreign Minister Chen Yi says in Peking that peaceful coexistence with the United States is out of the question.

1974 Alexander Solzhenitsyn, exiled Soviet author, arrives in Switzerland but his ultimate destination remains secret.

1980 Iran's foreign minister insists that U.S. hostages will not be released until the International Commission begins investigation of the Shah.

Thought for today:

When fortune knocks, open the door — German proverb.

BEGIN'S AIM

One view among Western analysts is that the United States is still apprehensive about the possibility of an Israeli invasion of South Lebanon. The Americans, so the view goes, are worried that their attempts to curb the Israelis might not succeed.

This is said to be the reason for the recent visit to Israel by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, for which the advertised purpose — that he was to discuss the issue of Palestinian autonomy there — was but a cover.

Israeli Premier Menahem Begin's aim, it is reported, is to destroy, or at least severely curtail, the Palestinian military presence in the Lebanese South. This would be followed by the formal annexation of the West Bank just after — or even before — April 25 when Israel is due to hand the rest of the Sinai peninsula back to Egypt.

The connection between the two events is obvious: to smash the Palestinians in Lebanon, so the Israelis hope, is to demoralize the Palestinians in the West Bank sufficiently for them to accept annexation without a fight.

This view of Israel's intentions does not lack plausibility. Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights two months ago was taken by many as an indication that the status quo is about to receive a radical change. But here a great deal will depend on whether Israel's expected adventure will yield the required result.

American envoy Philip Habib's return to the area is, at least according to this account, linked to a much larger and potentially destructive issue than appears on the surface.

Saudi Arabian press review

The recently concluded two-day emergency conference of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis was the main topic for editorial comment in Sunday's newspapers.

Okaz said the conference has succeeded in working out a strategy for countering the Israeli threats and challenges in the region. The paper called for a unified Arab stance "by those who have lost their prestige because of differences plaguing the Arab world."

Al-Jazeerah called for the adoption of a new Arab strategy for dealing with Western and Eastern blocs. The paper noted that in spite of U.N. resolutions against Israel since it occupied Palestine and parts of the other Arab world, "some Western and Eastern countries have failed to carry out these resolutions."

"Moreover, these countries have proceeded with their blind financial and military support for the aggressive Zionist entity," it added.

The paper urged the Arab states to reconsider their relations with Japan and Western countries which have abstained from voting against Israel's illegal annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Al-Bilad stressed the importance of Arab unity in facing the dangers threatening their own existence. It urged the Arab countries to learn the lessons of history and events which have affected their own common destiny. (SPA)

MOSCOW worried about Afghan party feuds

By Jamal Rasheed

LONDON — Reports from Moscow suggest that the Soviet Union is making renewed efforts to patch up the continuing infighting between the two factions of the ruling People's Democratic Party in Kabul. Both the Khalq and Parcham factions of the PDP have been at loggerheads since the party overthrew the government of President Daud in 1978. The reports from Russia confirm that senior members of Khalq and Parcham are attending a "training course" in Moscow for an unspecified time.

Most senior Khalq members were purged after the Russians installed the government of Babrak Karmal in Kabul, but the two remaining Khalqis in the government are on the Moscow training course. They are Communications Minister Lt.-Gen. Muhammad Aslam Watanjar and Interior Minister Mohammad Gulabzoi. Although they have not been officially replaced in Kabul, deputy ministers are running their desks in the capital.

A leading Parchamite, the former Defense Minister Gen. Muhammad Rafi, is also in Moscow. He has been formally replaced by Gen. Abdul Qadir, who although close to Parcham is known as an Afghan nationalist rather than a Communist.

Qadir became immensely popular during the revolution after he led the tank brigade that stormed the presidential palace. He became defense minister under the government of Afghanistan's first Communist president, Nur

Muhammad Taraki but was subsequently replaced and spent a year in jail. He was freed only after the Russian intervention.

Gen. Rafi has been under sharp attack lately for the continued deterioration of Afghanistan's armed forces. The 80,000-strong Afghan Army was reported to be down to 30,000 in 1980. Recent reports from journalists who have been in touch with Kabul and the Afghan freedom fighters suggest that the army can now muster only 20,000 men as a result of repeated desertions, mutinies inside barracks and death on the battlefield.

Over the past six weeks Kabul has been the scene of another drastic recruitment campaign as press-gangs have roamed the streets forcibly enlisting all young men. An earlier recruitment drive in the summer of 1981 led to a mass exodus from the cities by young men.

A new organization has sprung within the PDP in an attempt to forge unity between the Khalq and Parcham factions. Known as the "Work Movement," it is supported by both President Karmal and Moscow. The Work Movement is headed by a former minister, Dastagir Pansjeri, and hopes to end the factionalism by bringing together young Parchamites and Khalqis in work projects in the cities and the countryside.

Pansjeri is the only leading Communist representative of Afghanistan's minority nationalities, which together make up more than 55 percent of the population. Both Parcham and Khalq are domi-

nated by Pathans or Persian-speaking Kabulis. It is the minorities, which include the Hazaras, Baluchis, Tajiks and Uzbeks, that have been offering such fierce resistance to Kabul. The Work Movement will no doubt also be trying to bridge the gap between the party and these minorities, some of whom live on the highly strategic Soviet-Afghan border.

All of this is no more than a patching-up operation, but it is supported by a long-term Kremlin strategy to unify support for the Kabul government. Under this strategy, thousands of Afghan students have been moved from Kabul University to Samarkand and Tasbent in Soviet Central Asia, where they are undergoing formal and political education.

The problem is that although the students may emerge as "faction free," removing them from Afghanistan will further isolate them from the people. Ever since the 1978 revolution, the PDP has been faced with the fact that, as an urban party, it has little support from Afghanistan's varied and highly complex population in the countryside.

Moscow has been completely unable to consolidate the party or the party's hold on Afghanistan. Since 1978 Afghanistan has had four presidents, three of whom have been assassinated. Factionalism has decimated the PDP, so much so that Kabul is often unable to fill gaps in the bureaucracy and the foreign service.

Mounting Afghan resistance and the inability of the Afghan Communists to work together, are blamed for pessimism in Kabul. (ONS)

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON —

China's leaders have issued a series of gloomy warnings against a return to the "rotten" ways of the past, particularly the years of the Gang of Four. The latest, in the ideological journal *Red Flag*, says:

"It will be dangerous if we who are in power prove to be more rotten than the rotten force we have overthrown or if we commit irreversible mistakes."

It is the leadership's reply to "a small number of people in our ranks" who worry that the Gang of Four, in prison since the end of 1976, may reappear.

Although *Red Flag* is swift to say that this fear betrays lack of confidence in the Communist Party the public's anxiety is a reflection of its experiences during what the party itself terms "the terrible ten years" 1966-1976, of the Cultural Revolution — a

period judged by the leadership's 1981 Resolution to be the gravest injury suffered by China since the Communist victory in 1949.

Red Flag begins its reassurances by appealing to history — the triumph of the "progressive over the decadent" according to objective laws independent of human will. It was this historical force which swept the party to victory over its enemies

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New American tax laws in effect

Expatriate taxes decreased; U.S. firms more competitive

By Thomas B. Edsall

WASHINGTON (WP) — Multi-national corporations, particularly construction firms doing business in the Middle East, are preparing to capitalize on a provision of the 1981 tax bill that significantly lessens the tax burden on their foreign-based employees.

This year, according to James H. Larkin, president of the Houston-based Overseas American Tax Service, will be "the best year since the early 60's for U.S. citizen working overseas... The Economic Recovery Act passed by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan offers the best tax break in more than two decades to help the expatriate."

It is, however, by no means clear that the benefits of the tax break will flow to overseas employees; major companies are in the process of trying to decide how to adjust pay in light of the tax change. One likely option will be to initiate "equalization" programs so that workers suddenly pulling ahead of colleagues at home and in other countries because of tax changes will receive reduced compensation.

In other words, the tax break would flow to the companies, not the workers, except in the case of self-employed persons and those working overseas for foreign-based firms.

The new law represents a major victory for those who have argued that the U.S. tax system was functioned to hurt the nation's ability to compete in international markets.

The major lobby for the tax change was the National Constructors Association, which coordinated the creation of an ad hoc group

U.S. maintains \$12.6b cache in 'war stockpile'

By Myron Struck

WASHINGTON (WP) — For more than 50 years, the United States has been squirreling away minerals, metals, chemicals and drugs in caverns, vaults, fields and warehouses, waiting for a war on the scale of World War II.

The 104 storage sites now contain billions of dollars worth of materials, ranging from silver to opium to castor oil. The government can't say precisely what is included because the stockpile has never undergone a complete audit. Yet like most other big federal projects, it has gradually developed a substantial bureaucracy — and constituency — of its own.

And it has developed the usual complement of critics, who wonder whether it makes sense to continue storing away materials for a three-year, non-nuclear war.

"We have to presume that such a war could happen," said Paul K. Krueger, assistant associate director for resources preparedness at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who chairs the annual materials plans steering committee, the interagency task force that, with congressional approval, decides what materials will be bought and sold.

FEMA officials coordinate the decision-making process, but they are supposed to follow the Defense Department's advice on what kind of war to expect.

The General Services Administration runs the stockpile and buys and sells materials for it. The Commerce, Interior, Treasury and State departments and the Central Intelligence Agency also contribute to stockpile decisions.

The panel deliberates in secrecy so as not to telegraph strategic decisions or upset prices on international commodity markets.

The government had discussed building a stockpile since the 1930s, but it wasn't until 1952 that a presidential commission, chaired by CBS Chairman William S. Paley, envisioned a stockpile that would see the nation through a five-year war.

Since then, the target for the holdings had decreased to a one-year supply, until President Carter reversed the trend and ordered his managers to stockpile enough for a three-year conventional war. Carter also pushed through legislation in 1978 that set up regular annual appropriations for the stockpile — now about \$100 million a year. The Reagan administration has indicated it wants to increase that, and it wants Congress to speed the process of approving recommended purchases.

Today the stockpile contains 97 materials from 61 families of raw materials, chemicals and drugs.

The stockpile has nearly \$3 billion worth of tin, \$1.85 billion worth of silver, \$1 billion worth of chromium and \$500 million worth of aluminum. It also includes 71,303 pounds of opium — both unprocessed and in the form of codeine and morphine, enough asbestos to be able to insulate the entire Trident nuclear submarine fleet and 22 million pounds of castor oil.

To date, the only stockpiled materials that have been used for military purposes were nickel, copper and quinine, which was used to combat malaria during the Vietnam war.

On the commercial market, the stockpile would be worth \$12.56 billion, plus a few billion dollars if the street value of the opium is figured in, according to stockpile officials. Krueger and stockpile manager Roy Markon, head of GSA's Federal Property Resources Service, say it would cost another \$12 billion to complete the stockpile. The stockpile has reached the target for 24 of the 97 materials but has less than half its target for 37 materials, according to Krueger.

"The stockpile concept is viable," Markon says. "But it has to be kept current. We have to take into account the technology, production, innovation of American industry and the defense machine."

Under current thinking, \$4.92 billion worth of materials in the stockpile should be sold because they are no longer considered necessary.

called the U.S. and Overseas Employees Tax Fairness Committee. It got the support of such industry groups as the American Consulting Engineers Council, the Associated General Contractors, the National Consulting Engineers Council and the International Engineering and Construction Industries Council.

The provision in the 1981 bill represented a near-complete turnaround from the reform mood of the mid-1970s that produced legislation designed to make U.S. citizens working abroad pay rates of taxation equal to that of persons living here.

Decline Reasons Tested

In this light, the legislation will serve, in part, as a test of whether the recent sharp decline in U.S. contracting in the Middle East results from tax policy — the claim made by the U.S. firms — or from the improved competitive abilities of firms from Korea, Japan and Western Europe.

One of the major arguments used by such firms as Bechtel Power Co. and Brown and Root has been that the cost of giving employees additional compensation to make up for increased tax liabilities has been a key factor in the decline of construction awards to American companies in Saudi Arabia from 9 percent of the work in 1975 to 6 percent in 1978 to 3 percent in 1979.

In contrast to the policies of other countries competing for this market, the United States is the only nation that taxes foreign earned income.

Flat Exemption Allowed

While not completely eliminating U.S. tax liabilities, the 1981 bill gave expatriate workers the right to take a flat \$75,000 exemption from U.S. taxes on foreign income. In addition, it established a housing cost exclusion on all expenses in excess of \$6,350. The income exclusion will grow by \$5,000 a year until it reaches \$95,000 in 1986.

Companies to Benefit

The major beneficiaries will be companies, and perhaps their workers, in the Middle East, where there is little or no income tax on foreigners and consequently the exclusion will function to shield income from U.S. taxation.

It will make relatively little difference in foreign countries that impose a high rate of taxation on U.S. citizens working there because the foreign tax can be used as a credit against U.S. tax liabilities and, in many cases, it would be against the interests of the taxpayer to elect to use the \$75,000 exclusion.

No Benefits in Some

"The new law will benefit Americans living in the Middle East, a few countries in Africa, and certain countries in the Far East and the Pacific Basin," according to Arthur Andersen & Co., an accounting firm that does extensive work for multinational firms. "However, individuals who reside in foreign countries whose effective tax rates are higher than the U.S. rate, such as Germany, Norway and Sweden, for example, will receive no benefit."

Considerable Costs

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standardization of real net income for equivalent employees, no matter what the various tax situations are in various countries.

Under the new law, this would mean, in most cases, that employees now able to benefit from the \$75,000 exclusion in low-tax countries would face a loss of compensation, while those in countries with higher tax rates than the United States would continue to get extra pay.

Using Dubai, a no-tax country, as an example, the Andersen firm has done a sample calculation showing the impact on a hypothetical executive with three dependents making \$100,000 a year.

Under the old law, the executive could take deductions of \$41,800 and \$4,000 in exemptions for himself and three dependents, for a taxable income of \$54,200 and a U.S. tax of \$16,626. Under the new law, the same executive can get a \$75,000 exclusion, a \$14,000 housing exclusion and \$4,000 for personal exemptions for a net taxable income of just \$7,000, on which the tax would be \$462.

Use of the exclusion is a choice to be made by the taxpayer, and using Germany as an example, the firm showed that the exclusion would be disadvantageous in such a high tax country.

The same \$100,000-a-year executive using the exclusion would be able to reduce his U.S. tax to zero, but he would be able to achieve the same goal using the old law to credit taxes paid to Germany against his U.S. liability. By choosing to use the old law, however, the executive would also be able to get a \$27,155 foreign tax credit carry-forward to use against U.S. taxes on future foreign income, while the exclusion would reduce the credit to just \$4,482.

The 1981 law is the most recent chapter in what has been a series of major changes in foreign earned-income tax policy over the past six years.

Before 1976, Americans were allowed a \$20,000 exclusion if they met foreign residence requirements of 17 out of 18 consecutive months. The excluded income came "off the top," in accountants' parlance, so that the remaining taxable income stayed in the lower tax brackets.

In 1976, however, both legislation and two tax court decisions significantly increased the liabilities of expatriate workers. The tax court ruled that many of the side benefits — housing allowances, meals, etc. — were subject to income tax if they failed to meet tight standards.

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Studies determine best plants, trees for use in arid, semi-arid locations

By John Newell

LONDON (LPS) — A new research unit, SEPARSAT (Survey of Economic Plants for Arid and Semi-Arid Tropics), financed by the British-based charity Oxfam, has been set up at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew in London to help the economies of the world's hot dry countries.

This unit, led by Dr. Gerald Wickens, will use the enormous resources and contacts of Kew over the next three years to draw up a world list of plants and trees of all kinds which are of potential economic value in the arid and semi-arid areas of the world.

It will also draw attention to the plants and trees which are most potentially valuable, whether as sources of food — though Dr. Wickens thinks that food plants are already mostly well researched — or as forage for cattle, for firewood, fencing materials, soil cover to prevent erosion or other uses.

Show Special Promise

The results of the research will be published at the end of the three years. Although the unit has only just been formally set up, Gerald Wickens has already picked out a number of plants and trees of special promise, including one which may provide a useful technique for helping to control schistosomiasis (bilharzia), one of the commonest of tropical parasitic diseases.

Nearly half the world's land area — 43 percent of it — is arid or semi-arid, including most of Mexico and California, the western coast of the South American continent, the Chaco and the Bahia region of Brazil, the Sahel, Northern Kenya, Somalia, the Kalahari, Botswana and parts of Angola, much of the Middle East and India, and most of Australia.

The disastrous droughts in the Sahel belt south of the Sahara in recent years have focused attention on such area and on shortages not only of human food crops but also, and often more seriously, of forage for cattle, firewood for heating and cooking, and trees and plants that can provide soil cover to check erosion. These have become growing problems in the Sahel and several other areas.

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said. In 1978 one chemical factory was closed down after two workers died from poisoning.

But it was the discovery of abnormally high rates of deformities among the people of Cubatao which really gave the town its reputation.

"Today it's a national affair, an international affair, because we have been visited by newspapermen and television men from the whole world, except the Iron Curtain countries," Caje said.

Town officials say there are accurate statistics of the deformities. But they vie with their critics in quoting horror stories — of babies born without limbs or organs, of rates of "natural" abortions several times above the average, of high incidence of diseases such as muscular dystrophy.

According to council Health Officer Alberto Pesso de Souza, the World Health Organization estimates that anencephalia should occur once in 5,000 births in a country

such as Brazil; Cubatao had 12 cases out of 3,000 births last year, he said. "It really is alarming."

Though few people seem to doubt the connection between the pollution and the high deformity rate, council officials insist that it has yet to be proven.

"I am the health authority of the municipality, so what I say I have to be able to prove in court because I have a legal responsibility," Pesso de Souza said.

For Caje, who heads the opposition on the council, the case is clear. "No urban conglomeration with 90,000 inhabitants in any part of this planet, however poor, miserable, incestuous they are, shows such a frightful number of congenital malformations," he said. "What Cubatao has different from other towns in Brazil is pollution."

Once the most obvious pollutant in the town, the state steel works Cosipa has installed special equipment and no longer pours

to a table or desk. In this situation a microswitch cuts off the power to prevent possible damage to furniture or the wheelchair itself.

Other features include push-button illuminated control switches, and there is one simple control knob to determine speed and direction. The maximum speed is 6.5 kilometers hour.

The standard back of the wheelchair can be easily exchanged for a fully reclining back with headrest extension. The armrests are hinged and incorporate a useful personal effects compartment.

The chair has a chromium plated tubular frame with reinforcing brackets to give added strength to the castor assemblies. The seat and back upholstery are made from embossed flame-retardant material with reinforced heavy duty canvas lining. The armrests and footrests are detachable, and the motor is easily disengaged to allow manual handling.

The control panel can be adjusted to any of six different positions, thus providing maximum comfort and safety for the user. Being spring loaded, the control panel will retract to enable the user to bring the chair really close

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Dantley at his dazzling best

NEW YORK, Feb. 14 (AP) — Adrian Dantley was the star performer for Utah Jazz. In the Saturday night action of the National Basketball Association, Dantley scored 40 points to lead Jazz to its fourth straight victory with a 120-115 conquest of the Phoenix Suns.

The Jazz began brightly and went in for the break with a 60-47 — for a 13 point advantage. Though the Suns tried to bridge the gap with bursts in the last two quarters, the Jazz's advantage could not be nullified.

In another action in NBA, Billy Knight paced Indian Pacers to a one-point triumph over Cleveland Cavaliers. Knight scored 14 of his 22 points in the final quarter, including the game-winning layup with three seconds left to help the Pacers rally past Cavaliers 110-109. The Cavaliers, who led 60-57 at the half-time, were outscored in the final quarter.

In the third game of the night, Kiki Vandeweghe led a balanced Denver attack with 27 points to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 146-129 romp over San Diego Clippers. The Clippers succumbed to their fifth successive loss.

Sweigert Shines

Center George Sweigert scored 24 points to lead Miami (Ohio) University to a 69-60 victory over Kent State in a Mid-American Conference basketball game Saturday, in Oxford, Ohio.

Sweigert led three Miami players in double figures. Guard Chuck Stahl scored 16, all on field goals, and guard Craig Tubbs added 11. Stahl's jump shot with 5:41 play in the first half put Miami ahead 22-21, and the Red skins never trailed again. Miami built a nine-point lead by the half.

Miami padded the lead to 13 points in the second-half. Kent State got no closer than 7 points as it lost its 29th consecutive game on the road. Guard Larry Robbins came off the Kent State bench to score a team-high 14 points. No one else hit double figures for Kent. Miami improved to 9-13 and 6-6 in the Mid-American Conference. Kent State dropped to 9-13 and 5-7 in the Conference.

Missouri also gained victory over OSU with guard John Sundvold and senior forward Ricky Fraizer netting double figures for Missouri with 24 and 18 points respectively. Junior Leroy Combs was high scorer for OSU with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

In a thriller Sri Lanka beats England

COLOMBO, Feb. 14 (AP) — Sri Lanka won a cliff-hanger of a 45 over international here Sunday by a three-run margin with one ball to go avenging a similar victory by the visiting English cricketers the previous day.

The last three overs of the match provided a handful of thrills to a capacity crowd packing the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds here when the visitors, chasing the home teams 215 for seven wickets, lost their last five batsmen for the addition of a mere six runs to their total.

Trying to grab victory by stealing the cheekiest singles, England suffered four runouts during the final minutes of play. When Bon Wills skied a sitter to midwicket in the penultimate ball of the day, the ground exploded into wild bouts of cheering. Sri Lanka had made it by a whisker.

Keith Fletcher called right and sent the home team in to bat on a green top and a fast outfield. Sidath Wettimunayake did well in the first match of this tour with an unbeaten century did best for the home team with 86 not out. Arjuna Ranatunga who backed him

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Steve steals a march on Phil

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Feb. 14 (AFP) — American Steve Mahre once again stole a march on his more illustrious twin, World Cup holder Phil Mahre winning the men's World Alpine Skiing Cup special slalom here Sunday.

Steve Mahre, who was the surprise giant slalom medalist at the world championships also won the final combined of the season — Sunday's special slalom with Saturday's downhill.

Steve won in a time of 1:35.79, while Phil had to be content with second place in 1:36.86. Third place went to Paolo de Chiesa of Italy in 1:37.16. Phil, who has secured the World Cup for a second successive year, gained five extra points in the Cup standings increasing his total to 285 to the 204 of Sweden's Ingemar Stenmark, special slalom gold medalist at the World Championships and one of a host of favorites who failed here Sunday.

Stenmark came to grief when he went through a gate shortly after the start of the first leg and decided to give up. He said ruefully afterwards, "As you see anyone can make mistakes". Fellow-Swede Bengt Fjällberg, World Championships special slalom bronze medalist, also shot off the piste Sunday.

Gros-Gaudenier emerges top

Meanwhile, in Arosa, Switzerland, Doris de Agostini finally gained some solace from a miserable season by scoring a home win in the final women's World Cup downhill Sunday.

But, despite the Swiss girl's success, the day belonged to Marie-Cecile Gros-Gaudenier of France. She finished fifth which was good enough to take her above Saturday's winner

Ahead of Sorensen was Agostini the season favorite to succeed retired Marie-Therese Nadig of Switzerland as the downhill queen, in 1:36.67 and her compatriot Maria Walliser in 1:36.93. Gros-Gaudenier swept down the slopes in 1:37.40 and only her countrywoman, Marie-Luce Waldmeier could beat that from the later starters.

The French Skier was far from satisfied,

however. She said that she was still feeling a bit under the weather and that she had not

felt at home over the Arosa course. "I'm just

not happy about my own form over these past

two days although that will not take away the

joy at having won the downhill World Cup,"

she added.

Gros-Gaudenier finished the downhill

event with a tally of 87 points ahead of Agostini and Flanders — who totaled 84 points each — with world champion Gerry Sorenson fourth on 81 points. Swiss skier Erika Hess was still way ahead in the overall standings.

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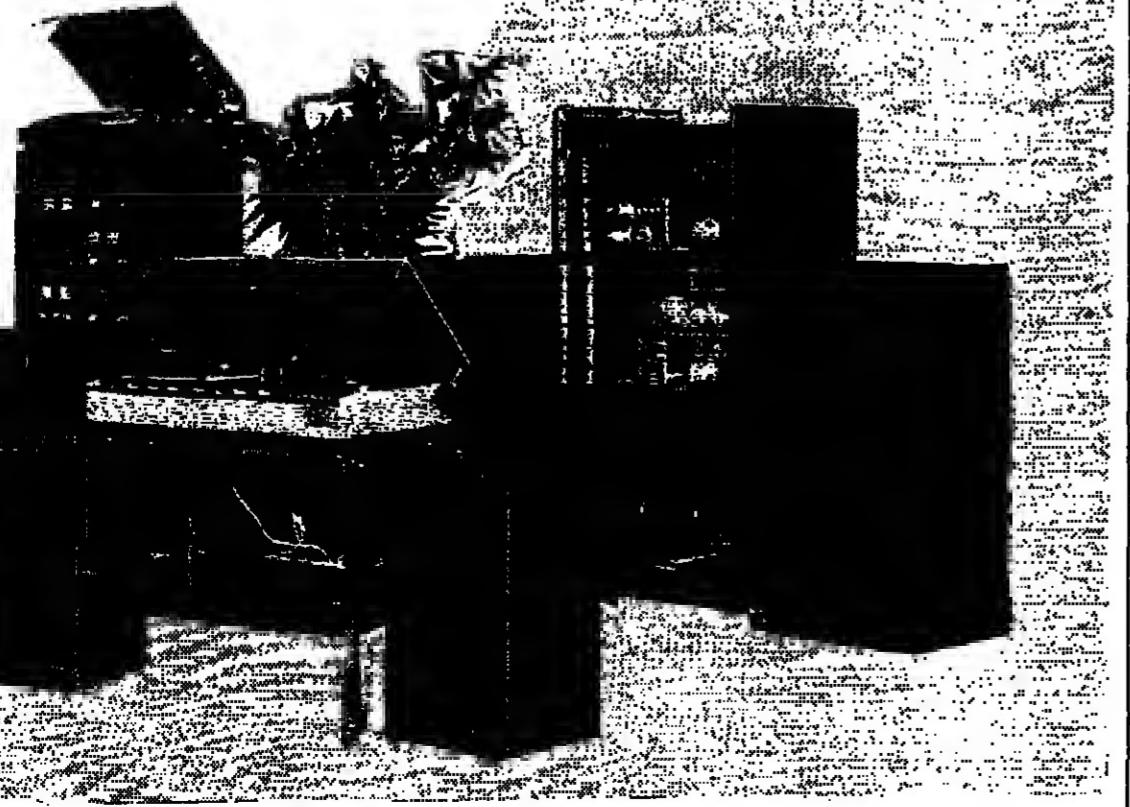
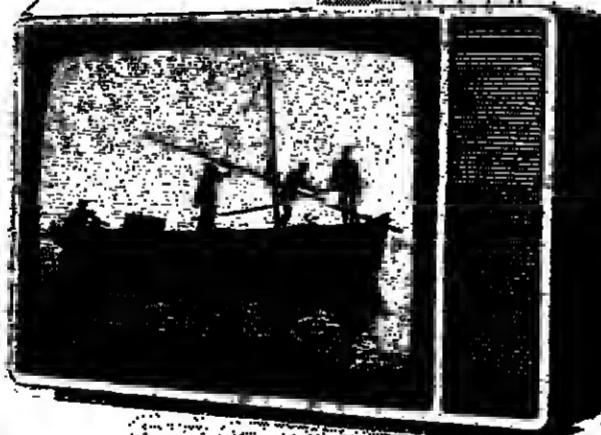
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Stig Blomqvist... roars away with title

Blomqvist wins Swedish Rally

KARLSTAD, Feb. 14 (AFP) — Stig Blomqvist of Sweden, driving and Audi Quattro, won the Swedish Car Rally for the sixth time here Sunday ahead of Ari Vatanen of Finland (Ford Escort) and World Championship leader Walter Rohrl of West Germany (Opel Ascona).

The domination of the Swedish Rally by the four-wheel drive Audi Quattros looked complete when competition returned to the Karlstad rest halt at the end of the second section of the World Championship event.

With 17 of the 25 special stages completed the Audis of Hannu Mikkola, Stig Blomqvist and Michele Mouton held the top places ahead of the Ford Escort Ari Vatanen of Finland and the Opel of Monte Carlo Rally winner Walter Rohrl of West Germany.

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And just when it looked like the Audis would make a clean sweep, Hannu Mikkola and Mounton's Audis slipped behind with the veteran Vatanen gaining ground. Though Vatanen and Rohrl challenged Blomqvist strongly, the Swede held his own in the fast finish.

Meanwhile, Formula One racing will disappear within two years, Bernie Ecclestone, head of the Brabham racing team and president of the Constructors' Organization FOCA, said in an interview published in Pais Saturday.

In an article in a magazine he said turbocharged cars would soon be winning every Grand Prix.

He came in the wake of news reports in Taipei that Taiwan may relinquish its right to host the July meet to avoid "political and peace overtures from Peking". Taiwan first

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Reinstra leaps to new high

OTTAWA, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Coleen Reinstra, an unheralded 21-year-old from Idaho, rocketed to athletic stardom when she became the first woman to clear a two meters indoor in the high jump at the Citizen International meeting here Saturday.

It was really an superb performance from the American girl, who only 24 hours earlier had equalled her personal best indoors of 1.93 meters at the New York Milrose Games. This time in competition with the world best performer Debbie Brill of Canada. Susanne Lorentzen of Sweden and Patricia Dantley in front of a 3,000 crowd.

Reinstra cleared successively 1.75, 1.80, 1.90, all at the first time of asking and then broke her own psychological barrier by jumping 1.93 meters at the third and final attempt. She then leapt 1.96 meters in her first attempt at which point there was only herself and local favorite Debbie Brill left.

Brill failed at her own world record of 1.99 meters and then Reinstra decided to try 2.00 meters, recalling that an airline had offered a free ticket to any athlete who set a new world best. The first attempt was a failure, but on the second, the bar shook but stayed in place to the astonishment of the crowd and athlete alike.

Two other athletes would be booking flights to the place of their dreams. Little

Porter to resolve

TAOYUAN, Taiwan, Feb. 14 (AP) — International Softball Federation (ISF) Secretary-General Don Porter arrived here Sunday for discussions with Taiwan's sports officials on the fifth World Women's Softball Tournament scheduled to be held in Taipei July 1-12.

He came in the wake of news reports in Taipei that Taiwan may relinquish its right to host the July meet to avoid "political and peace overtures from Peking". Taiwan first

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Wynton Rufer, the striker refused a work permit to play in Britain, converted a penalty to give New Zealand a 1-0 interval lead.

LIMA (R) — Brazilian club side Palmeiras walked off the pitch in protest at a penalty decision in a soccer friendly against World Cup finalists Peru here last night. The penalty, awarded in the 87th minute, was not taken and the final score remained 2-1 to Peru.

INZELL, West Germany, (AFP) — Karin Enke-Busch of East Germany established a new total points world record of 168.271 in winning the women's World Speed-Skating Championship here Sunday.

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After early problems

McEnroe coasts thru

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, Feb. 14 (AP) — Top-seeded John McEnroe marched into the final of the U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championships defeating defending champion and third-seeded Gene Mayer 7-5, 6-3.

McEnroe takes on eighth-seeded South African Johan Kriek who was taken the full distance by the tournament's most surprising player, Buster Mottram of England 2-6, 6-1, 6-4. Though the Englishman looked like creating another upset after beating second seed Eliot Teltscher in the quarters — his semifinal opponent Kriek came back strongly in the second and third set to gain the final berth.

McEnroe, who has yet to lose a set in this week's tournament, grew stronger as the day's match grew longer. He attributed his early problems to a doubles match Friday night with partner Peter Fleming that lasted until midnight. As the scores indicate Mayer faded out after an early challenge.

Edmondson's rally halted

Meanwhile, in Richmond, Virginia, top-seeded Jose-Luis Clerc of Argentina and unseeded American Fritz Buehning advanced into the final of the \$300,000 Richmond World Championship Tennis Classic Saturday night.

While Clerc, the Argentine Davis Cup star, had no difficulty in going past Poland's Wojciech Fibak 6-4, 6-4, the American was taken

to three sets by the third-seeded Australian Mark Edmondson before qualifying for the final. Buehning won at 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 victory.

The Argentine, ranked No. 5 in the world, and the 21-year-old Buehning, a former all-American at UCLA and the youngest player in the tourney, will play for the \$100,000 top prize. The runner-up receives \$40,000.

Dibbs upset

Hungary's Zoltan Kuharzky upset top-seeded American Eddie Dibbs 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 Saturday in the semifinal of the \$75,000 Caracas Grand Prix Tennis Tournament.

Mexico's Raul Ramirez turned back Eric Fromm of the United States 6-3, 6-1. In doubles action, U.S. players Craig Wittus and Steve Meister defeated David Siegler, also of the United States, and Freddie Sauer of the South Africa, 6-3, 7-6.

Potter prevails

Top seed Martina Nuwatirova of the U.S. breezed into the final of the Women's Grand Prix Tennis Tournament in Kansas City Saturday with a 6-2, 6-2 win over compatriot Mary Lou Piatak.

Her opponent in the final will be another exponent of the serve and volley game, Barbara Potter. She beat the only non-American left in the tournament, Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Michael Spinks stops Wasajja in the sixth

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Michael Spinks retained his World Boxing Association light heavyweight title Saturday, pounding Mustapha Wasajja of Uganda into the ropes at 1:36 in the sixth round of their bout.

Spinks, 19-0, jolted Wasajja in the fourth and fifth rounds with solid right hooks to the face, creating a welt under his 6-foot opponent's left eye. Wasajja, 24-1-1, showed good hand speed and aggressiveness until the sixth round of the scheduled 15-round bout. But he had a four-inch reach disadvantage and could not land any blows that appeared to hurt the champion.

Wasajja, 175 pounds (80 kg), appeared most effective in the second round, when he began boxing with caution after a quick charge to the inside that seemed to offset Spinks' timing. But by the next round, Spinks effectively blocked Wasajja's rushes.

It was Spinks' second defense of the title he won July 18, 1981, by defeating Eddie Mustafa Muhammed. Spinks, 25, and Wasajja, 28, had never seen each other fight before. "With a guy with a little punch, you tend to relax a little. It's kind of dangerous to fight a guy like that," Spinks said before the fight.

At the end of the fight, Spinks was ahead



WBC chief won't quit

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 14 (R) — World Boxing Council President Jose Sulaiman, charged with illegal possession of valuable archeological artifacts, said Friday he had no intention of resigning voluntarily.

But he said he would quit if members of the Council executive committee demanded his resignation or if his continued presence threatened the organization's unity. At a press conference he repeatedly denied that he planned to smuggle the artifacts out of Mexico.

He was detained by police Tuesday and formally charged Thursday with illegal possession of some 5,000 artifacts valued by some newspapers here at \$200 million.

Arguello defends title

Meanwhile, Alexis Arguello of Nicaragua Saturday made the third successful defense of his World Boxing Council lightweight title, when he stopped American James "Bubba" Busceme in two minutes and 35 seconds of the sixth round in Beaumont, Texas.

Arguello rocked Busceme with a left hook late in the sixth round and followed up with a hard shot to the body. The Nicaraguan, who now lives in Coral Gables, Florida, quickly moved in and connected with a right cross to the head. Busceme, stunned, turned and staggered back toward his corner. Referee Octavio Mayron then signalled an end to the bout. There were no knockdowns.

It was the 18th consecutive title fight that Arguello, 30, has won in three different weight divisions. His record is now 74-4 with 60 knockouts. Busceme is 27-4. Arguello was slightly ahead on the cards of all three judges and the referee going into the sixth round. "Busceme was a good fighter with a lot of heart," Arguello said later.

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With a three-stroke margin in Victoria golf

Clayton walks away with crown

MELBOURNE, Feb. 14 (AP) — Victorian Michael Clayton the newest professional in the star-studded field, raced away to a three stroke win in the \$100,000 Victorian Open Golf at Metropolitan here Sunday.

The 24-year-old Clayton, 1978 Australian amateur champion who turned professional last September, came from three under the card overnight to overhaul the earlier leaders, crack American Lee Trevino and fellow-Melbourne player Bob Shearer, and put the title safe in his keeping six holes before the finish.

Clayton fired rounds of 67, 72, 74, 68 for a seven under par total of 281. The tournament provided an extraordinary bonanza for the former national amateur champion — he collected a total of \$38,000, 16,000 for winning and 20,000 for Saturday's hole-in-one at the 13th.

Clayton gave himself little or no chance of success at the start of Sunday's vital final round. "I just did not think I was good enough to give a player like Lee Trevino the 13th."

Clayton disclosed that he had missed the cuts in three earlier tournaments in his brief pro career and said he had only \$267 when he entered the total classic at tweed herds on November. "I owed my uncle, Peter Rankin,

shots," he said. But at the end of it all, Clayton had beaten Shearer by three strokes and left Trevino floundering with a three under with a mark he shared with West Australian Graham Marsh and Canadian Jerry Anderson.

Shearer shot rounds of 69, 71, 71, 73, to pick up \$9,000. Trevino finished in joint third spot after a final round of 74. Clayton's steadiness and superiority was emphasized by his six birdies and two bogeys in the final round of 68 which took him to a four round total 281 with Sunday's effort seeing him crash through the front nine in 33 then come home in par 35.

But what does a young pro do when he is suddenly confronted with so much money? "I will talk to a few guys about it. Possibly buy a house or something," he said.

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In Hawaiian golf

North, Levi lead the field

HONOLULU, Feb. 14 (AP) — Andy North birdied the 16th hole and tied Wayne Levi for the third-round lead Saturday in the \$325,000 Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament.

North, who earlier scored his third eagle in two days, shot a third consecutive 3-under-par 69 on the 6,881-yard Waialae Country Club Course.

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He finished with a 70 and was tied for third, 2 strokes back of the leaders at 209. Also at that figure were veteran Charles Coody, whose last victory came in the 1971 Masters; 21-year-old Bobby Clampett, and Scott Simpson. Coody shot a 68 while Clampett and Simpson 70s. Ben Crenshaw was alone at 210 after a 68.

Arold Palmer, the octagonal seniors champion, had a 69 and was 3-under-par for the tournament at 213. Bill Rogers, who last year ended Watson's string of player of the year titles, was at the same figure after a 68.

Three players were tied at 211 with

\$1,000 at that time. He gave that amount, told me to pay it back when I could and simply said 'just go and play,'" Michael said.

There were no hard luck stories from the Victorian Open. For the beaten brigade it was simply a case of Clayton's consistency over-shadowing the lapses of others. By mid-afternoon Sunday it was a certainty there would be a hometown result with Shearer and Clayton together on six under the card and the earlier challengers being relegated to the background.

But at the halfway mark, Clayton had edged out to seven under and that was the way he stayed until he gained another stroke at the 14th — he lost it at the next, regained it at the 16th only to drop back to seven under at the 17th.

Anderson, four under overnight, started to give ground at the ninth which he double bogeyed and from then on was never a threat. Graham Marsh was another who played an up and down round while the same applied to Ian Stanley.

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Canada-born Jim Nelford turning in another neat round of 69, while Mark Lye, who shot a poor 71 in the second round Friday, and Chip Beck both compiled rounds of 71 to join North and Levi for the third-round lead Saturday in the \$325,000 Hawaiian Open Golf Tournament.

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Three golfers — Vicki Ferguson, Beverly Kloss and Chris Johnson — were tied at 139, two shots off Watson's pace, while Betsy King, Connie Chillemi, Debbie Austin and Jeanette Kerr were all at 140. Kathy Whitworth, Bonnie Lauer and Carole Charbonnier were in contention at 141.

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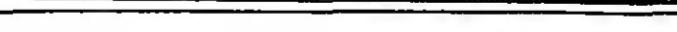
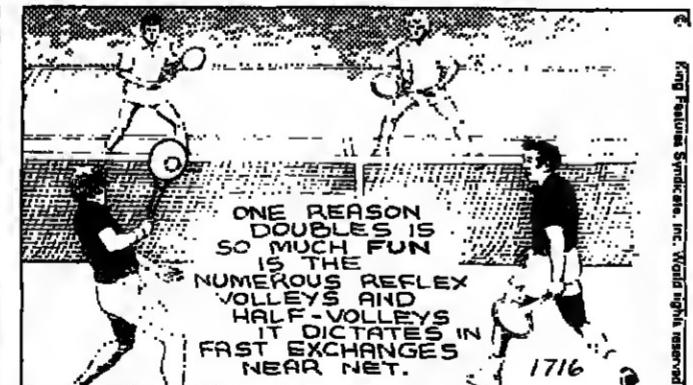
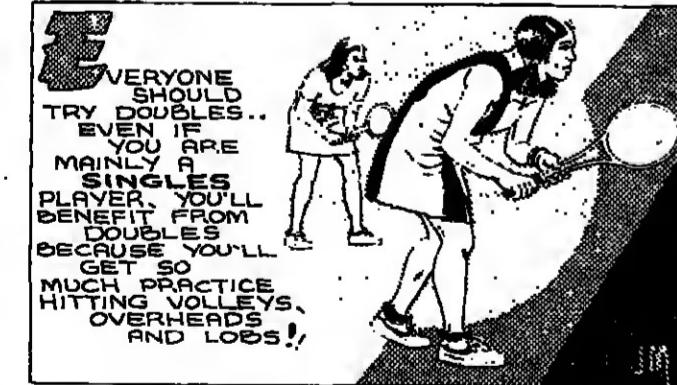
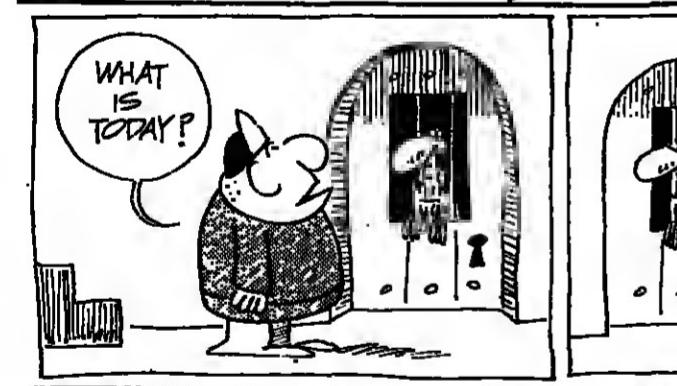
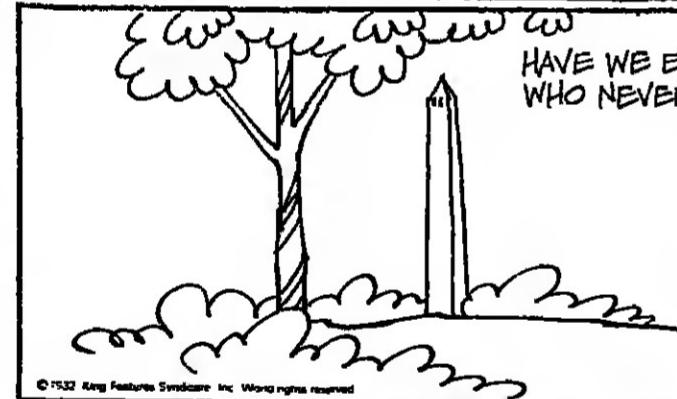
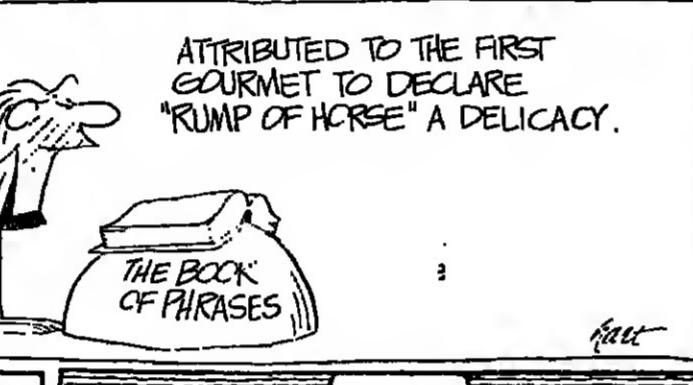
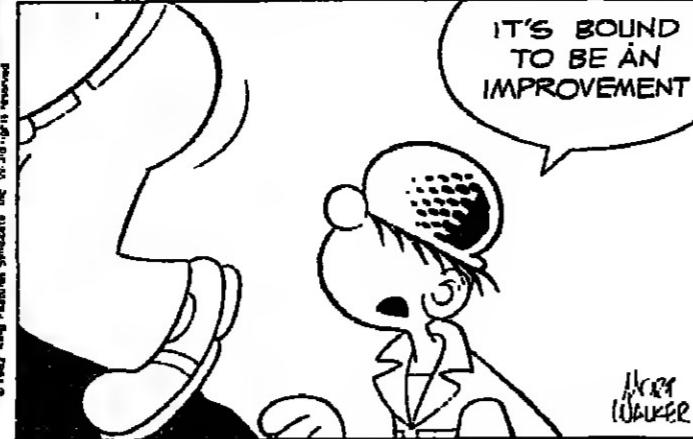
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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Love, sociability and friendship make for happiness, but an intimate problem may require special handling. Home life is stable.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Domestic life is favored, and you'll be able to straighten out difficulties with

get ahead now. Normal channels will provide you the opportunity to better your career status.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You seeking power and influence will have your chance now, but you should avoid stepping on the toes of others. Close ties crave attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You needn't bend the rules

a close tie. Be ready for a heart-to-heart talk.

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- 5:15 Cartoons
- 6:15 English Program
- 7:15 Min Al-Badr
- 7:45 English News
- English Song
- 8:30 The United World
- 8:30 Arabic News
- 9:00 Arabic News
- Program Preview
- Daily Series
- Sunday Songs
- Weather
- Cloakdown
- 4:00 Quran
- 4:15 Religious Talk
- 4:20 Cartoons
- 4:30 Golden Falcon (Arabic Cartoon)
- 5:30 Sunday Lessons Book 2
- 6:10 Chips
- 7:45 The Grandmama and the Citizens — Our commands
- 7:55 Daily Arabic Series
- 8:00 English Songs
- 8:30 News
- 8:50 Songs
- 9:10 Historical Series — The Palace Pearl. The Night Grandas Fell. A Defense of Macbeth
- 9:30 Variety
- 10:00 English News
- 10:30 Tomorrow's Programs
- 10:32 Arabic Film
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- 2:45 Feature Film
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- 3:15 Caravans
- 3:30 Local Children's Program
- 3:45 Family Papers
- 3:55 Local News
- 4:00 Trapper John M.D.
- 4:15 American World News
- 4:30 Program Preview, Songs
- 4:45 Wrestling
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- 6:00 American Bowling
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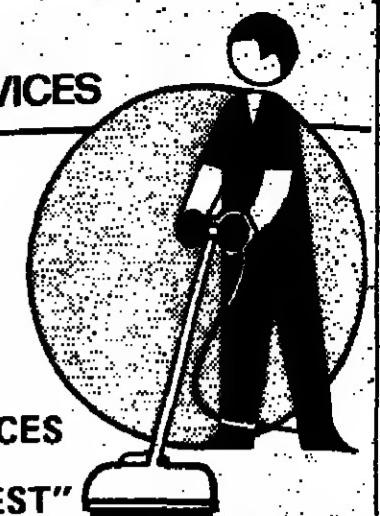
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Commander puts 4 percent target

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MUNICH, West Germany Feb. 14 (AP) — U.S. Gen. William Rodgers, supreme commander of allied forces Europe, Sunday called on NATO allies to raise defense spending four percent a year in real terms to counter the "worrying weakness" of the West against Soviet military might.

Rodgers told a meeting of some 150 NATO officials and defense experts, that NATO's conventional forces must be strengthened. To do this, America and its European allies must increase defense spending, Rodgers said.

Asked if this meant that the 3 percent real annual increase agreed by NATO members in 1978 was not enough to meet the challenge, Rodgers called for a 4 percent target.

Rodgers' plea for more spending on defense came a day after U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told the Munich

gathering that European allies must raise defense spending to avoid nurturing "latent isolationism" in the United States.

Weinberger said it would be a "great tragedy" if isolationists got the upper hand in Washington. But they would be encouraged, he warned, if Americans did not see the Europeans shouldering their fair share of the defense burden.

Addressing discord in the Western alliance, NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns warned the West against matching the chaos in the Soviet block caused by the Polish crisis with chaos of its own. "Nothing works in the Warsaw Pact," Luns said.

Luns said the Polish crisis had had a "healing effect" on West European peace movements opposing the planned deployment of U.S. missiles in Europe from late 1983 to counter Soviet SS20 missiles pointed at Western Europe. The movement's protest

had been muted since the martial law crackdown in Poland last Dec. 13, Luns said.

Addressing the "increasing anti-nuclear and anti-American feelings" in the Western alliance, British Aviation Minister Geoffrey Parris Warned NATO governments could draw only "slight comfort" from "the fact that the enemies of the present alliance strategy are in the minority."

He said the rapid growth of the peace movement was at least partly the result of Soviet propaganda, but that the main blame lay with allied governments who had failed to outline their defense strategy to the public.

West German Defense Minister Hans Apel, who faces a strong peace movement at home, had made a similar pitch Saturday, saying governments should spell out that "nuclear weapons are political weapons... that nuclear weaponry in Europe has secured peace..."

The interview with *Asahi* quoted Tikhonov as saying that Moscow "has not sought and does not seek confrontation with Peking." The statement reiterated a line already taken by President Leonid Brezhnev and the Soviet Communist Party's 26th congress last February.

"There are no problems in Soviet-Chinese relations that can not be settled on the basis of equality and in the spirit of mutual understanding," Tikhonov was quoted as saying. Tikhonov's statements came at a time when China is considering reopening of border demarcation talks with Moscow, broken off

by China after the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, Moscow proposed a restart of talks last September, and reports from Peking indicate that contacts have already been made to set the date.

Observers here see Moscow as inclined toward improving relations with China as a hedge against its worsening relations with the United States. They say this would mesh neatly with Peking's readiness to play the "Soviet Card" in its own difficulties with Washington over U.S. arms sales to Taipei.

In the *Asahi* interview, Tikhonov attacked the United States as an "imperialist." He expressed pessimism over the outcome of Euromissile reduction talks in Geneva saying, "The position adopted by the United States does not inspire optimism. In fact, they want a unilateral USSR disarmament to assure superiority." He added that Moscow was willing to pursue talks with Washington.

He said the United States was showing "startling hypocrisy" in its attitude to Poland and was trying to use the crisis to impose its political and economic supremacy over its allies. "It can be said with full justification that martial law has saved Polish society fromarchy, disintegration and civil war," Tikhonov said.

Kremlin endorses Polish martial law

MOSCOW, Feb. 14 (Agencies) — Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov was Sunday quoted as saying Moscow had a vital interest in the reestablishment of normal life in Poland and was giving its ally considerably economic aid.

In an interview with the Japanese newspaper *Asahi*, released here by the official Tass news agency, Tikhonov gave the Kremlin's unambiguous backing to the imposition of martial law in Poland.

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Immediately after the declaration of martial law on Dec. 13, the Soviet Union withheld its endorsement, describing the clampdown in Warsaw as "events of great importance." Western diplomats believe this early reticence was prompted by Soviet fears of being identified too closely with the introduction of martial law and by uncertainty over the level of resistance to it in Poland.

Tikhonov's open statement of support for martial law was the first by a top member of the Soviet leadership. It went further than anything said by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko when Polish Foreign Minister Jozef Czyrek came here last month. According to East European sources, the Polish leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, is expected to visit Moscow soon, once the central committee of the Polish Communist Party has held a full meeting.

The Soviet prime minister's open endorsement of martial law appeared to be setting the tone for such a visit. Tikhonov said the Soviet Union was "vitally interested in the restoration of the normal life of the Polish people, our neighbor and ally."

"Unlike the United States and NATO, the Soviet Union does not interfere in Polish affairs," he was quoted by Tass as saying. Tikhonov described Soviet economic help for Poland as considerable and said Moscow was continuing to fulfill its economic obligations to its ally despite the fact that Poland could not balance its trade.

But he did not spell out whether Moscow was prepared to give the Poles any more assistance and said nothing about helping Warsaw pay off its estimated \$27 billion debt to the West.

Usually the Soviet Union prefers to keep hard currency loans to its allies secret in order not to encourage any feeling in the West that

it will step in to guarantee their debts. Western economic analysts said they believed that the Soviet Union, despite its immense resources, would have great difficulty in finding enough Western currency at the moment to give the Poles extra help.

Meanwhile, Polish Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski was Sunday reported to have said the martial law would last for "a long time, not a month or two."

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Warsaw radio monitored by the BBC in London meanwhile Sunday listed six daily Polish newspapers, seven weeklies and eight periodicals it said would resume publication, though it did not say when. Two television centers and three radio stations would also resume broadcasting, Warsaw radio added.

Meanwhile, a detained leader of the independent Solidarity union called on workers to abstain from violence in a message he smuggled out of the Bialolek prison camp, the western press in Warsaw learned Sunday.

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